

Remarks

The examiner's reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the amendments above and comments which follow.

The examiner has first rejected claims 22 through 32 under 35 U.S.C. §112 as being indefinite. With regard to subparagraph a. on page 2, the examiner's point is well taken, and claim 22 has been amended to be consistent throughout when referring to condensing.

With regard to subparagraph b. 1. , the amendment of claim 22 to refer to the recirculating system has corrected that inconsistency. Also, with respect to subparagraph b. 2. and 3., claim 32 is now dependent upon claim 31, and "or absorbing" has been deleted.

Finally, with regard to subparagraph c., the dependencies of claims 31 through 32 have been properly corrected.

Thus, given the changes as explained above, it is submitted that the claims are now in proper form under 35 U.S.C. §112.

The examiner has then rejected claims 22 - 26 and 28 through 31 under 35 U.S.C. §103, but has indicated the allowability of the subject matter of claims 27 and 32. Accordingly, claim 22 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 27, and claim 27 has been

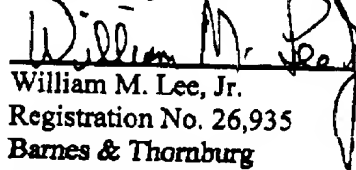
cancelled. Also, new claim 33 is a combination of claims 22 (corrected for the condensing language), 31 and 32. New claim 33 is therefore believed to be allowable.

No new issues have been raised by this response, in that the amendments either deal with the 35 U.S.C. §112 issues or combine claims in a form previously indicated by the examiner to contain allowable subject matter. The examiner's further and favorable reconsideration of the application is therefore urged.

This response is being filed within two months following the June 19, 2003 date of the examiner's final office action.

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